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	B	4,474,180	October 2, 1984	Angulo	128	328	May 13, 1982	
	C	4,504,264	March 12, 1985	Kelman	604	22	September 24, 1982	
	D	4,535,759	August 20, 1985	Polk, et al.	128	24A	September 30, 1982	
	E	4,634,420	January 6, 1987	Spinosa, et al.	604	22	October 31, 1984	
	F	4,870,953	October 3, 1989	DonMicheal, et al.	128	24	November 13, 1987	
	G	4,886,491	December 12, 1989	Parisi, et al.	604	22	February 29, 1988	
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	NN	EP0493047A1	July 1, 1992	EUROPE	F16H7	12	X	
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<i>ELK</i>	H	4,920,954	May 1, 1990	Alliger, et al.	128	24A	August 5, 1988	
↑	I	4,922,902	May 8, 1990	Wuchinich, et al.	604	22	December 16, 1987	
	J	4,931,047	June 5, 1990	Broadwin, et al.	604	22	September 30, 1987	
	K	4,961,424	October 9, 1990	Kubota, et al.	128	24A	July 27, 1988	
	L	4,989,583	February 5, 1991	Hood	128	24A	October 21, 1988	
	M	5,015,221	May 14, 1991	Smith	475	19	June 18, 1990	
	N	5,112,300	May 12, 1992	Ureche	604	22	April 3, 1990	
↓	O	5,163,421	November 17, 1992	Bernstein, et al.	128	24.1	December 12, 1989	
	<i>ELK</i> P	5,176,677	January 5, 1993	Wuchinich	606	46	November 17, 1989	
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<i>SA</i>	R	5,267,954	December 7, 1993	Nita	604	22	May 5, 1992	
<i>SA</i>	S	5,269,297	December 14, 1993	Weng, et al.	128	24AA	February 27, 1992	
<i>SA</i>	T	5,312,328	May 17, 1994	Nita, et al.	604	22	July 9, 1992	
<i>SA</i>	U	5,342,292	August 30, 1994	Nita, et al.	604	22	May 24, 1993	
<i>SA</i>	V	5,380,274	January 10, 1995	Nita	604	22	October 12, 1993	
<i>SA</i>	W	5,382,228	January 17, 1995	Nita, et al.	604	22	September 28, 1993	
<i>SA</i>	X	5,368,558	November 29, 1994	Nita	604	22	June 3, 1993	
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	Z	5,405,318	April 11, 1995	Nita	604	22	September 28, 1993
	AA	5,419,761	May 30, 1995	Narayanan, et al.	604	22	August 3, 1993
	BB	5,427,118	June 27, 1995	Nita, et al.	128	772	October 4, 1993
	CC	5,469,853	November 28, 1995	Law, et al.	128	662.06	June 22, 1994
	DD	5,672,172	September 30, 1997	Zupkas	606	20	June 6, 1995
	EE	5,676,649	October 14, 1997	Boukhny, et al.	604	22	October 4, 1996
	FF	5,725,494	March 10, 1998	Briskin	604	22	November 30, 1995

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	QQ	WO 98/35721	August 20, 1998	PCT	A61N		X	

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↑	II	5,931,805	August 3, 1999	Briskin	604	22	June 2, 1997
↑	JJ	5,957,882	September 28, 1999	Nita, et al.	604	22	March 12, 1997
↑	KK	5,989,208	November 23, 1999	Nita	604	22	May 16, 1997
✓	LL	6,033,375	March 7, 2000	Brumbach	604	22	July 2, 1998
GAB	MM	6,224,565	May 1, 2001	Cimino	604	22	November 13, 1998

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